

{In Archive} Re: NPDES Permit for offshore platforms 

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There were two feasibility studies submitted - each study covered about half the platforms. We hope to provide the Commission with our evaluation of the conclusions of the studies in early 2009. In the meantime, here's the study covering Platform Irene.



18554 Final Master Discharge Alternatives Feasibility Study.pdf

Regarding the reissuance of the general permit, it's still too early to speculate on any changes there might be.

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Subject NPDES Permit for offshore platforms

Hi Eugene --

Hopefully this finds you doing well. I'm writing to ask for your assistance in answering a couple questions regarding the general NPDES permit for offshore platforms that became effective on December 1, 2004 (NPDES permit number CAG280000). Specifically, I'm wondering about a feasibility study referenced in the Commission's findings approving the issuance of this permit (CC-126-00): "As part of the NPDES permit, the EPA will require each discharger, within two years from the effective date of the permit, to study the feasibility of disposal of drill muds and cuttings and produced waters at each platform by means other than discharge into ocean waters (*e.g.* , re-injection and barging). If alternative methods of disposal other than discharge into ocean waters are defined to be feasible, the NPDES permit shall be amended to require the alternative method of disposal within one year."

Do you know the status of this feasibility study and would it be possible to send me the section relating to Platform Irene? Also, from what I understand, this NPDES permit will need to be renewed before December 1, 2009 -- is this correct? If so, do you anticipate any substantial changes in the new permit?

Thanks and happy holidays,
Cassidy

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